

2. (Not Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of denying the request to forward calls when the approval is not obtained.

3. (Not Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of granting the request to forward calls when the approval is obtained.

4. (Not Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of contacting comprises placing a call to the second destination and requesting the approval.

5. (Not Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the telecommunications system includes an interactive voice response (IVR) unit that generates a voice message for requesting the approval.

6. (Not Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first destination is a telephone set.

7. (Not Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for placing a call.

8. (Not Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the second destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for receiving a call.

9. (Not Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the second destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for receiving a call.

10. (Not Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the second destination is a telephone set.

11. (Not Amended) In a telecommunications network having a first computer system and a second computer system, a method comprising the steps of:

providing a configuration wherein a video communication session is initially directed to the first computer system;

receiving a request to direct the video communication session to the second computer system;

sending a communication to the second computer system to obtain approval of the request; and

redirecting the video communication session to the second computer system when the approval is obtained.

12. (Not Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the video communication session is a video conferencing session.

13. (Not Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending an electronic mail message.

14. (Not Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending a video mail message.

15. (Not Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending a facsimile.

16. (Not Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises placing a phone call.

17. (Not Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of denying the request when the approval is not obtained.

18. (Not Amended) A call forwarding system comprising:  
a switch for directing calls intended for a first destination to a second destination when call forwarding is activated; and  
approval logic coupled to the switch for contacting the second destination to obtain approval for directing of the calls before call forwarding is activated.

19. (Not Amended) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein the switch is a private branch exchange (PBX).

20. (Once Amended) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein the approval logic comprises an interactive voice response unit for generating a verbal message soliciting the approval for the directing of the calls.

21. (Once Amended) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein call forwarding is not activated if the approval for the directing of the calls is not obtained.